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WE FAVOR PASSAGE OF

H. R. 5952

For the benefit of our readers, particularly humane society executives, we are reproducing H. R. 5952, a companion Bill to H. R. 1447, which will "prohibit the importation of foreign wild animals and birds under conditions other than humane, and for other purposes."

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 241 of the Act entitled 'An Act to codify, revise, and amend the penal laws of the United States', approved March 4, 1909 is amended (1) by inserting (a) immediately following Sec. 241 (2) by striking out 'section' wherever it appears thereafter and inserting in lieu thereof 'subsection', and (3) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections: (b) Each special permit issued under subsection (a) shall prescribe such requirements as the Secretary of the Interior shall deem necessary for the transportation of wild animals and birds under humane and healthful conditions. It shall be unlawful for any person, including any importer and any master or person in charge of any vessel or other conveyance, knowingly to cause or permit any wild animal or bird to be transported to the United States, or any Territory or District thereof, under inhumane or unhealthful conditions or in violations of such requirements. When the Secretary shall determine that any wild animal or bird has been imported in violation of this subsection he may suspend the issuance of further permits to the importer thereof for such time as the Secretary shall deem proper. In any criminal prosecution for violation of this subsection and in any administrative proceeding for the suspension of the issuance of further permits —

(1) the condition of any vessel or conveyance or the enclosures in which wild animals or birds are confined therein, upon its arrival in the United States, or any Territory or District thereof, shall constitute relevant evidence in determining whether the provisions of this subsection have been violated; and

(2) the presence in such vessel or conveyance at such time of a substantial ratio of dead, crippled diseased, or starving wild animals or birds shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the violation of the provisions of this subsection.

(c) Upon the arrival in any State, Territory, or District of the United States of any vessel or

other conveyance bearing wild animals or birds, any representative of any humane agency authorized by the law of such State, Territory, or District to investigate humane conditions of animal or bird life therein may (1) enter such vessel or conveyance when permitted to do so by Forty-sixth United States Code 158; (2) assist the customs officer of the United States in determining the health conditions of such wild animals and birds and whether they have been accorded humane treatment while in transit; and

(3) treat or procure treatment for sick and injured animals and birds and remove from such vessel or conveyance those which are beyond recovery."

This Bill has been introduced, at the request of Christian P. Norgord, Washington Representative of The American Humane Association, by Congressman William T. Byrne of New York. On March 23, 1948 it was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

It is our belief, based on conditions witnessed by our own agents in Boston, that specific regulations are needed to afford better protection for the many tropical mammals and birds imported to the United States which are intended chiefly for zoos and circuses. Ocean liners arrive with live cargo that is not subject to any regulations. As a consequence, animals such as elephants, zebras, hyenas, lions, tigers, monkeys and vultures have been confined in crates, boxes and quarters either too small and poorly ventilated or exposed to frigid climate resulting in needless suffering or death.

We recommend passage of Bill H. R. 5952 by the 80th Congress.



Boston Globe Photo

THE LEAGUE IN ACTION

A warm welcome to our Shelter is given Dodds, Oscar, Delilah, Dopey and Sport by Agent Albert Morris after his tight squeeze under the Boston College track to rescue the litter born there.

The mother of these five youngsters took shelter under the running track at Boston College before her puppies were born. Seemingly snug and apparently comfortable, they had been there for about a month judging from the size of the puppies.

At first all efforts to remove them to a warmer location were resisted, but we were finally successful in convincing the mother dog that her babies would be better off if moved to our Shelter for the rest of the cold weather.



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THE NOLEN-MILES POUND BILL

MASSACHUSETTS Senate Bill #264, "An Act To Make Available Unclaimed and Unredeemed Animals Impounded in Animal Pounds For Scientific Investigation, Experiment or Instruction," was the most widely discussed piece of legislation in the Commonwealth during the past quarter century, according to comments by members of the 1948 Legislature. The Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee, Senator Edward M. Rowe, publicly stated that he had received 58,000 letters from opponents of the Bill besides petitions with thousands of signatures, telegrams and resolutions adopted by various organizations within, as well as outside, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Gardner Auditorium in the State House, with a seating capacity of 800, was filled to overflowing, and there were four different hearings in all conducted by the Legal Affairs Committee. Publicity relating to the Bill surpassed everything in the history of the State Legislature. For nearly seven weeks, Boston and out-

of-town newspapers published stories, editorial comments and letters which stirred the emotions of pet owners. Several days before the first public hearing, the Yankee Network, Radio Station WNAC, held a forum in which two proponents and two opponents debated the issue.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston played a major role in opposing the measure, largely because for forty years our organization has done the pound work for the City of Boston under contract. Our strongest objection was based on the grounds that the Bill is a direct violation of our Charter principles. Our attorney, Brooks Potter, Esq., reminded the Legal Affairs Committee that the passage of Bill #264 would probably force the City of Boston to establish a municipal pound at great expense to the taxpayers, and that any gain to the sponsors could never outweigh the loss to the League for its many years of uninterrupted service to thousands of pet owners.

In his discourse on the Bill, Walter J. Dethloff, President of the League,

spoke of our organization as a SERVICE institution for animals. He told of its history, its growth, why it is indispensable in the community, and said that we would NEVER divert from our long-established policy of NOT turning over live dogs or cats for experimentation to any group by whatever name or purpose it exists — medical or otherwise. He also termed the Nolen-Miles Bill unprecedented not only in the Commonwealth, but throughout the entire country.

As we go to press, the following decision has been made by the Legal Affairs Committee:

RESOLVED that an unpaid special commission of eleven members be established for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the subject. Said commission shall in the course of its investigations and study consider the subject matter of Senate Document #264, and of the current House Documents numbered 385, 1082, 1090, 1097, 1467, 1638. Said Commission shall report to the General Court any plans or methods approved by it and its recommendations, together with drafts of Legislation necessary to carry the same into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the Senate, on or before the second Wednesday of December, in the year 1948.

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SECOND ANNUAL SUMMER



SCHOOL... Baxendale Memorial Foundation... Amrita Island

FROM July 12 to 24 inclusive, Amrita Island, on Cape Cod, will again be the scene of an attractive program to occupy the hearts, minds and hands of boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 16, with educational activities aimed toward appreciation, enjoyment and knowledge of our animal friends.

Our cover picture typifies the atmosphere and motivating spirit of the summer school, which is sponsored by the League as Trustee of the Baxendale Memorial Foundation. Mrs. Baxendale would be gratified to know that beautiful Amrita Island, with its natural and ideal surroundings of blue waters and wooded landscape, is being used as a place where children and teachers assemble for the advancement of humane ideals and principles, in line with the wishes this far-seeing humanitarian expressed in her will.

Underlying the program and related activities will be the stories of Thornton Burgess, author of some 85 books about animals and internationally known for his prodigious knowledge of Mother Nature. Because animals and children are his greatest love, he tailors stories like *Grandfather Frog*, *Billy Possum*, *Johnny Chuck*, *Jerry Muskrat*, *Sonny Joy* and many others, to their liking. Animals

benefit from his stories because through them children are taught the virtue of kindness. Children benefit because of the moral woven into the stories.

A highlight of the summer school will be Mr. Burgess's personal appearance at the closing exercises to speak to the children and their parents and the teachers.

PROGRAM AND TEACHING STAFF

Visual Aids

Leroy H. Ellis, Director of Education Pennsylvania S.P.C.A., Philadelphia

Pet Care and Dog Obedience

Barbara Bonnell, Winchester, Mass.

Woodland Animals

Ralph C. Conway Director, Wildlife Dept., The American Humane Association, Albany, N. Y.

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Puppetry

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Animal First Aid

George W. Mather, D.V.M., Chief Veterinarian, Animal Rescue

League of Boston and Erwin Schroeder, Chief Veterinarian, Massachusetts S.P.C.A.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Story of the Oyster

U. S. Fisheries & Game, Woods Hole, Mass.

Movie Animals

Richard C. Craven, Chatham, N. Y.

Amateur Horseback Riding

To be announced

Dog Obedience

Mrs. W. L. McCannon, Westwood, Mass.

"Animal Lady"

Beth Chollar, Director, Social Service Dept., Animal Rescue League of Boston

Mobile Museum Exhibit

Norman Harris, Education Director, The Camp Tour, Boston Museum of Science

Miss Mary E. McLean, Director of the school, will coordinate and arrange the program, special activities and administration (Miss McLean is shown on our cover with a student and a cat during the 1947 school project), and Miss Harriett Flannery, who succeeds Miss B. Maude Phillips as the League's Director of Education, will assist.

Note — This is not a conference for humane workers, but educational directors from other societies are invited to visit the school if they make their own reservations for room and board in some nearby location.

Former League President Humane Worker of the Year

Robert F. Sellar, President of the League for fifteen years, was voted by Gaines Dog Research Center annual poll as the outstanding Humane Worker of the Year on Dogdom's All-American Team.

Other awards were: Dogdom's Man of the Year: Dudley P. Rogers, Danvers, Mass.; Dogdom's Woman of the Year: Mrs. C. Groverman Ellis, Chicago; Dog Breeder: R. Kenneth Cobb, Whitehouse, N. J.; Dog Judge: Alva Rosenberg, New York City; Dog Handler: Harold Correll, Bernardsville, N. J.; Dog Writer: Arthur Roland Kilbon, New York Sun; Veterinarian: James Farquharson, D.V.M., Colorado State College.

Each winner received a "Fido," the Center's trophy which in the dog world corresponds to the "Oscar" of the movie world.

BABY CHICKS

All abuses in the sale of BABY CHICKS at Eastertime have not ended with the passing of a law to prohibit their sale if dyed or sold in lots of less than SIX.

Inspection of places, particularly the five-and-ten-cent retail stores, demonstrates they are complying with the letter of the law. However, much is to be desired to curb the wholly unnecessary sale of natural day-old chicks to customers whose sole interest is to appease the children on Easter morning with a LIVE PLAYTHING.

The League's Chief Inspector found no conditions to warrant drastic action in any of the stores in Boston. However, at one store it was necessary to request the management to put up a sign *warning* customers NOT to handle baby chicks whether they purchased them or not.

We have not altered our conviction of two years ago when it became a law in Massachusetts that "Whoever shall sell or offer for sale at retail living baby chicks, ducklings or other fowl which have been dyed, colored or otherwise treated so as to

impart to them an artificial color, and whoever shall sell or offer for sale at retail living baby chicks, ducklings or other fowl under two months of age in any quantity less than six, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars."

Why do these chicks appear on sale only before and during the Easter Season? Isn't it obvious that the psychological appeal is that children and parents want a LIVE creature? Not with any thought of raising them for food, but solely as Easter PETS.

There is only one answer to this ridiculous and inhumane exploitation of live day-old chicks. That is to increase the number that may be sold to twenty-four instead of six, making the purchase prohibitive in cost under present conditions. No one gains except the dealer, and certainly his business could prosper without the annual short season of selling live creatures whose temporary value terminates in needless suffering and certain death.

PUPPET SHOW

With the permission of *Child Life* magazine, the following eight pages are reproduced for the benefit of our readers who may not have seen the article devoted to "Hansel and Gretel," one of a series of five marionette shows which are presented in the schools of Greater Boston by our Department of Education.

PUPPET SHOW



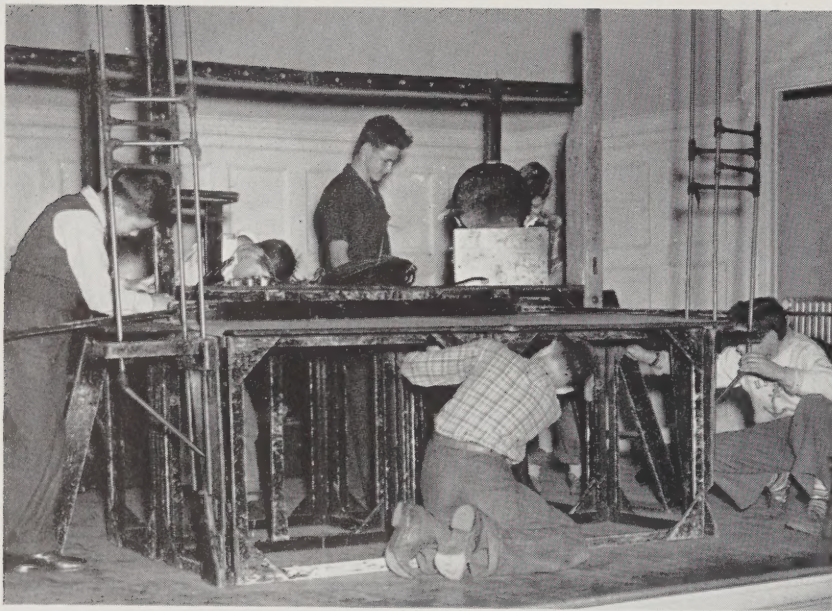
The Animal Rescue League in Boston cares for homeless and sick animals. To acquaint children with the work of the League, Mrs. Smith and Miss Flannery give puppet shows at schools. Each play teaches kindness to animals. Every day the station wagon is loaded with scenery, the stage and the puppets. Baxendale, the mascot, goes along, too. Mrs. Smith and Miss Flannery work the puppets and talk for them. Here you see the story of Hansel and Gretel and their dog.



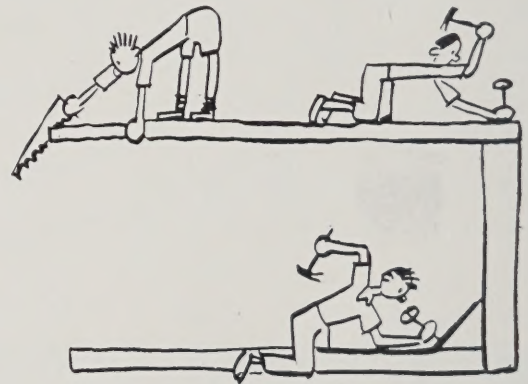
"I'm all ready," barks Baxendale. "Let's get going."



Unloading at Bicknell school, Weymouth, Massachusetts.



The boys help set up the stage.



Dance, little fawn, dance.





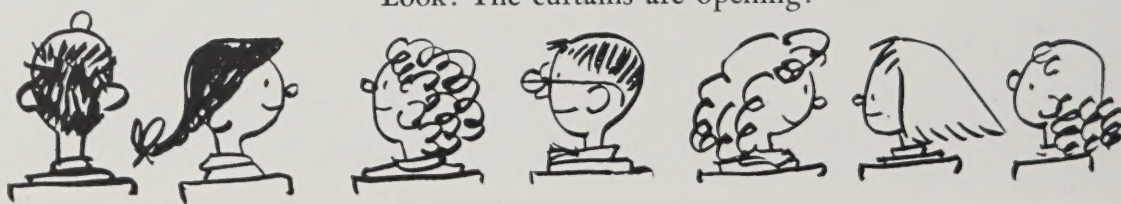
Baxendale keeps out of the way during the show.



Here is the cast all ready for the show to begin.



Look! The curtains are opening!





Hansel and Gretel went out into the forest and after a while they grew tired. They rested on a grassy bank. Soon they fell asleep. When they awakened, they found the gingerbread house of the wicked witch. Yummy, the gingerbread tasted good! But when the witch appeared, they wished they had *never, never* tasted her house.



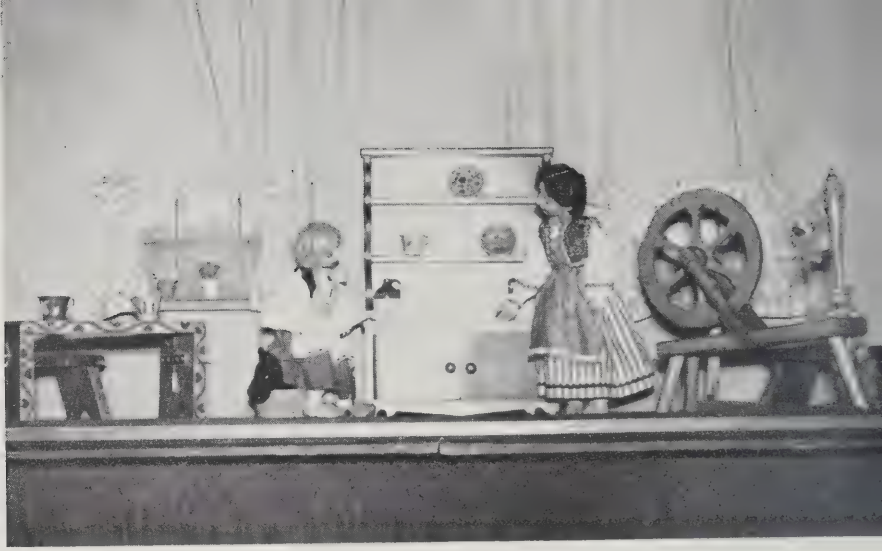
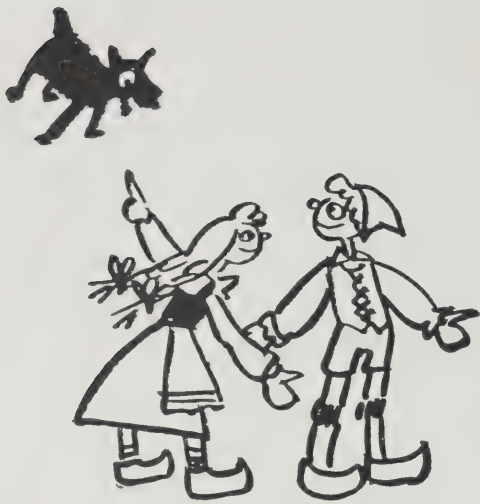
Hansel is an adventurous boy.



The witch is dreadfully wicked.



Gretel is Hansel's sweet sister.



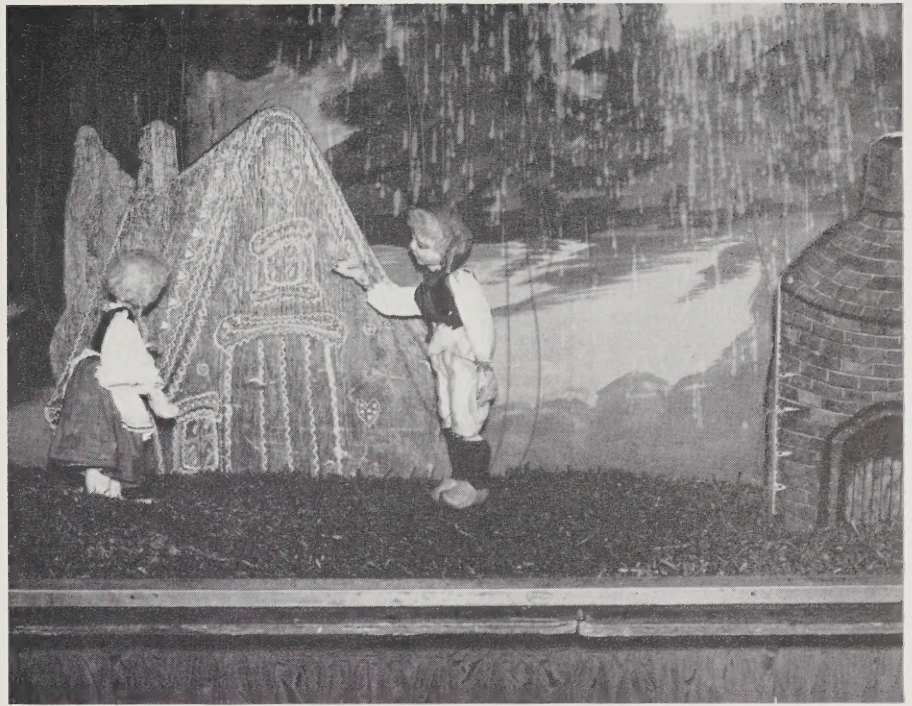
"Stepmother, may I keep the dog?" asks Gretel.



A fairy watches over the sleeping children.



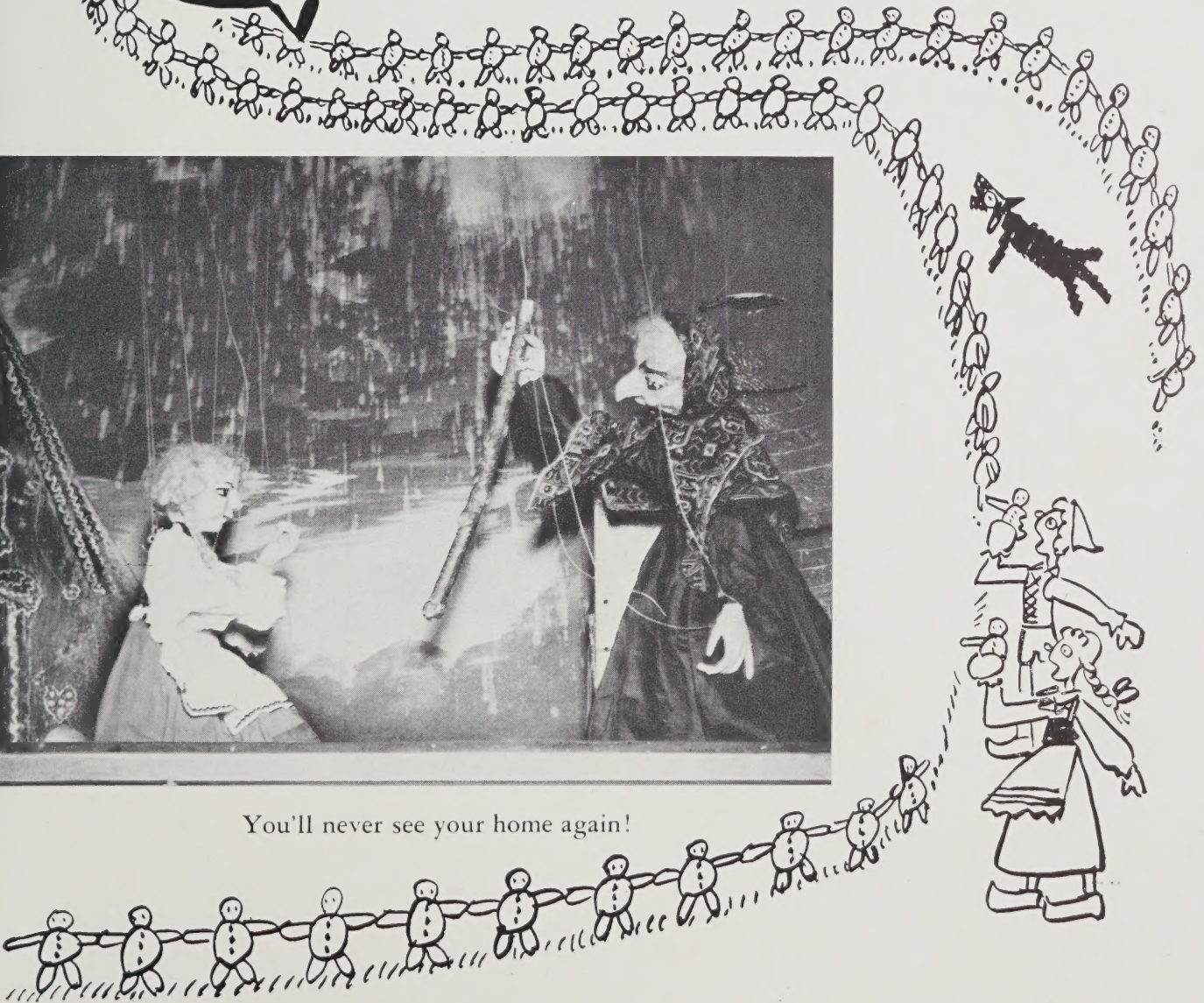
Two gnomes do a funny dance.



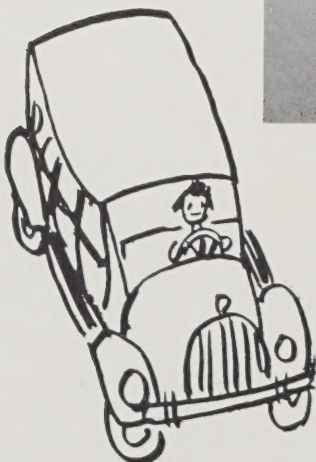
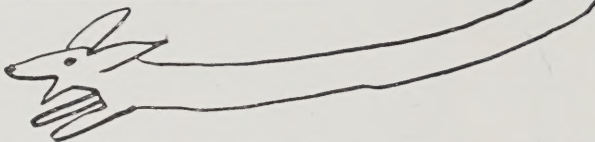
Oh, Gretel! The house is made of gingerbread.



You'll never see your home again!



Hansel and Gretel escaped from the wicked witch. Their little black dog found them in the forest. He showed them the way home. They were glad that they had been kind to him. You see, animals help us, if we help them. The Animal Rescue League wants you to take good care of your pets.



Ho hum, another working day is over.

Statement of Income and Expenses for General Purposes

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 1948

Income

Memberships.....	\$ 3,676.60	
Collection Service.....	24,991.75	
Donations for General Purposes.....	5,026.69	
Income from Investments.....	85,001.26	
Receipts for Quarantined Animals.....	5,308.25	
Clinic.....	9,101.09	
Annual Fair.....	8,875.22	
Our Fourfooted Friends.....	1,428.55	
Humane Education.....	456.92	
Pine Ridge Branch.....	3,068.49	
Branch Receiving Stations.....	9,564.16	
Income from Trust Funds.....	6,200.82	\$162,699.80

Expenses

Memberships.....	\$ 1,845.00	
Collection Service.....	41,697.48	
Quarantined Animals.....	4,948.37	
Clinic.....	15,850.24	
Annual Fair.....	1,640.16	
Our Fourfooted Friends.....	6,960.99	
Humane Education.....	9,876.62	
Pine Ridge Branch.....	6,035.68	
Branch Receiving Stations.....	13,259.44	
Repairs to Equipment.....	523.51	
Amrita Island.....	1,146.64	
Labor.....	33,859.52	
Extra Labor.....	4,312.87	
Pensions.....	260.00	
Animal Food.....	2,320.06	
Light, Power, Heat and Gas.....	3,409.29	
Water and Ice.....	330.52	
Repairs to Buildings.....	2,563.69	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	2,897.65	
Postage.....	798.96	
Office Expenses.....	2,150.09	
Advertising.....	3,091.96	
Travel.....	591.71	
Insurance.....	2,487.75	
Legal and Professional Services.....	6,225.70	
Equipment.....	3,735.90	
Suppers.....	534.60	
Dues and Subscriptions.....	233.63	
Dinners and Meetings.....	625.06	
Gifts.....	153.75	
Supplies.....	2,402.39	
Sundries.....	1,814.52	\$ 178,583.75

Excess of Expenses Over Income Paid From General Funds.....	\$15,883.95
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A Wholly Independent Organization Founded in 1899 by Mrs. Huntington Smith

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Secretary: HARRIET G. BIRD

Asst. Secretary: MARY E. BOUTELLE

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Asst. Treasurer: H. CLIFFORD BOSMAN

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A Free Clinic for Animals has been maintained at headquarters for thirty years. Dr. George W. Mather, Veterinarian-in-Charge; Dr. Malcolm Carsley, Associate. *Clinic Hours:* Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturday, 9 A.M. to 12 NOON. During July and August the Clinic will not be open on Saturday.

Pine Ridge Cemetery for Small Animals and *Pine Ridge Home of Rest for Horses* are maintained at 246 Pine Street, Dedham, on a farm of twenty-one acres. Arrangements for burials, including cremations, may be made at 51 Carver Street.

Eight Motor Ambulances and *Twelve Agents* are busy every day collecting animals, averaging in number 100,000 every year. A 24-hour Emergency Service is maintained.

BRANCH RECEIVING STATIONS

Boston Shelter.....366 Albany Street
Dedham.....246 Pine Street
East Boston.....Police Station No. 7
South End.....109 Northampton Street
West Lynn.....4 Neptune Street
West Roxbury.....Police Station No. 17

Cape Cod

Eastham.....Walter F. Nickerson, Samoset Road
North Harwich.....Hilliard Hopkins, Depot Street

Donations, Membership Fees and Bequests provide the main support of the League. Become a member, send a donation or make provision for us in your will, and help insure our continued protection of stray, unwanted, sick and injured animals. Of every paid-up League membership of \$1.00 or more, 50 cents is for a year's subscription to "Our Fourfooted Friends."

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life.....\$100.00 in one payment
Supporting.....25.00 annually
Contributing.....10.00 annually
Active.....5.00 annually
Associate.....1.00 annually
Junior......25 annually

FORM OF BEQUEST

To the ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

I give, devise and bequeath the sum of.....
dollars, and the real estate situated at No.....
Street, in the city (or town) of.....

Small-Animal Collection Service: Allston, Arlington, Arlington Hgts., Auburndale, Back Bay, Bedford, Belmont, Brighton, Brookline, Burlington, Cambridge, Canton, Charlestown, Chelsea, Chestnut Hill, Cochituate, Concord, Dedham, Dorchester, Dover, East Boston, Everett, Forest Hills, Framingham, Greenwood, Hyde Park, Islington, Jamaica Plain, Lexington, Lincoln, Malden, Mattapan, Medfield, Medford, Melrose, Melrose Hlds., Milton, Natick, Needham, Needham Hgts., Neponset, Newton, Newton Hlds., Newtonville, North End (city), North Reading, Norwood, Orient Hgts., Ponkapog, Randolph, Reading, Readville, Roslindale, Roxbury, Saxtonville, Sharon, Somerville, South Boston, South End (city), South Natick, Stoneham, Stoughton, Stow, Sudbury, Waban, Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown, Waverley, Wayland, Wellesley, Wellesley Hills, West End (city), West Newton, Weston, West Roxbury, Westwood, Wilmington, Winchester, Woburn.

South Shore Route: Abington, Allerton, Atlantic, Braintree, Cohasset, Egypt, Hingham, Holbrook, Houghs Neck, Hull, Kennerma, Montclair, Nantasket, Norwell, Quincy, Rockland, Scituate, Quantum, Weymouth, Wollaston.

North Shore Route: Beach Bluff, Beachmont, Beverly, Cliftondale, Gloucester, Linden, Lynn, Lynnfield, Marblehead, Middleton, Nahant, Peabody, Revere, Saugus, Swampscott, West Peabody.